

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
NOVEMBER 22, 2004

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Board met on Monday, November 22, 2004 at 12:00 noon in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

President Holt called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Christine Altman, Jim Belden, John Ditslear, Steven A. Holt and Charlie White. Steven C. Dillinger and Dan Henke were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Ditslear motioned to approve the September 27, 2004 minutes. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. White abstained.

Household Hazardous Waste Center Update

Steve Wood presented the YTD collection figures for the Household Hazardous Waste Center. The first tire pick-up was last week, they shipped out 548 tires with three days of collections.

IDEM has requested Steve Wood serve as a committee member on their Tire Reuse Grant Application Review Committee. The committee will meet on December 15, 2004 to review the applications. The Noblesville School System has applied for a grant to resurface their tracks with shredded tires. Wood requested approval to sit on the committee. Ditslear motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Stormwater Phase II Education Funding

Bob Thompson stated the Stormwater Phase II Public Education Committee has requested further information on the exact mechanics regarding the funding that will be received from the solid waste board in 2005. How will the monies be spent and how will it be coordinated between the Solid Waste Board and the Phase II Public Education Committee? The Part C document is being completed and will be submitted to IDEM for Phase II Public Education and our plans. This document will include what we will be doing in 2005 in public education. Holt asked if they have sat down with Barry McNulty to discuss coordination? Thompson stated no. McNulty stated these monies are outside of the contract with the Health Department. McNulty asked whether the \$40,000 that is allocated, is Hamilton County's portion or does it reduce all the participating municipalities' portion? Hamilton County Solid Waste is not Hamilton County Government and that needs to be clarified. Thompson stated Cicero and Carmel our part of our general permit. We will be signing or have signed Memorandums of Understanding with Westfield, Noblesville and Arcadia. Altman asked if the Health Department ever anticipated expending the \$40,000 directly? McNulty stated no. Altman stated we always anticipated we would send it to Stormwater Phase II for their budget. It is a county wide tax so it would make sense that it apply to all participating entities within Hamilton County that are either directly with us or have signed Memorandums of Understanding. McNulty asked if that would proportionally reduce their amount? Altman stated correct. Altman stated this is a line item in our budget from the Solid Waste Tax Levy. It is not an IDEM Grant. It is not part of the Health Department contract. Thompson stated the Surveyor's office did apply for a public

education funding grant but it was denied. Holt stated regardless of who is participating if everyone in the county paid for it and everyone in the county has to comply with Stormwater Phase II, whether they are doing it through the Surveyor's leadership or not. Altman stated it is logical that it goes to Stormwater Phase II and Memorandums of Understanding. Everyone has been offered the opportunity to participate with our efforts in this one education plan. Thompson stated the only entity that did not participate was the Town of Fishers, they do not like Memorandums of Understanding. Altman asked why did Fishers not sign an M.O.U.? White asked what does this require Fishers to do? Thompson stated to agree that they would like to participate in public education to Phase II communities. White asked what does that entail? Altman suggested getting a copy of the M.O.U. to Fishers for review. McNulty stated his concern is that the entire public education budget is \$125,000, he is unclear what the \$40,000 represents. Is it Hamilton County or does it proportionally reduce all the municipalities' amounts because it is a countywide tax? If Hamilton County pays \$40,000 out of county general then the municipalities will still have to pay a portion. Altman stated that was never the intent. The issue is if you have to be part of the group with an M.O.U. or part of the core group. We can not determine that until we know what Fishers' response is. McNulty stated as far as payment of claims the public education committee can submit a claim and we will bring it to the Solid Waste Board monthly meeting for payment.

2005 Health Department Contract

McNulty stated he and Mike Howard have not been able to discuss the contract. The only change is the amount. Holt asked McNulty to follow-up on the contract.

Cash Balance

McNulty stated at the end of 2004 there would be a cash balance in the Solid Waste Checking Account, which effects grant awards. If we have a large cash balance we become less competitive in some of the grants. McNulty stated we could pay for some items budgeted in the 2005 budget this year. We could repay the Council and pay the municipality rebate this year. This will help reduce the year-end cash balance, which makes us more competitive in grant applications. Altman asked Robin Mills what the appropriation procedure is? Mills stated the Solid Waste Board would have to approve an additional appropriation. Altman asked if the Board would be willing to meet again for this specific purpose? Altman motioned to hold a special meeting of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board on December 13, 2004 at 12:00 noon for the sole purpose of considering additional appropriations for payment out of the 2004 budget for Hamilton County Council in the amount of \$170,000 and the City of Carmel in the amount of \$37,532.00. Ditslear seconded. White asked why do we have such a large balance? Altman stated the balance is partially due to two or three years of grants at approximately \$60,000 each that we have actually funded from county general before we had a tax rate that was never offset. We also fully funded the budget out of the tax rate. Once our feet are on the ground we will need to reduce the tax rate and the COIT coming in or we need to expand our programs depending on need. McNulty stated he and Steve Wood attended the Indiana Association of Solid Waste Management Districts Education Conference and the State Board of Accounts spoke about how they are going to really look at Solid Waste Districts cash balances and will start reducing levy's. A lot of districts carry a high cash balance. We will be in that position one way or another. The growth is built into the levy but the State will not let the levy stay that high, they will reduce the tax rate. White stated the 2005 budget was prepared to repay the county and pay the municipal rebate, are there any outstanding invoices for any reason from the county that would not be viewed as a repayment but a reimbursement or anything else

that we could pay? Holt stated there is one thing, which is in the construction of the new animal control shelter the footprint will probably be on top of one of the two storage buildings currently being used by HHW. That project is real tight. Holt stated there will probably be a request from the County that Solid Waste pick-up the cost of the demolition of that building and whatever needs to be done from a paving standpoint. White asked if what we are about to do with setting up this meeting for the additional appropriations, is it better to repay the county a lesser amount? Altman stated that money would still be in the 2005 budget. White asked what is of more concern for the county, dealing with the animal shelter or repaying the entire \$170,000? Altman stated she thinks we could do both. Holt stated he does not know that it matters one way or another. The issue is if we are going to qualify for 2005 grant monies. White asked if he will go to the county council for the money for the animal shelter? Holt stated no, we have a bond issue to build the animal shelter. This is an issue of Solid Waste helping the county with site preparation because the building that HHW is using will be coming down to build the animal shelter. McNulty stated the other 2005 issues that are not included in the budget would be to build a good pole barn for tire collections, some paving issues and appliance recycling. Motion carried unanimously.

Twin Bridges Letter of Support

Holt stated the Board has received a request from Twin Bridges RDF for a letter of support regarding an increase in their capacity. Ditslear motioned to approve. Belden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

December 27, 2005 Meeting

Belden motioned to cancel the December 27, 2004 meeting. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2005 Meeting Schedule

Belden motioned to approve the 2005 Meeting Schedule. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Belden motioned to adjourn. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

Christine Altman, County Commissioner
James Belden, County Councilor
John Ditslear, Mayor of Noblesville
Steven A. Holt, County Commissioner
Charles White, Town of Fishers Councilor
Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Barry McNulty, Health Department
Stephen Wood, Household Hazardous Waste Director
Kim Rauch, Recording Secretary